

TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

AGENT FOR PREVENTING, IMPROVING OR TREATING

HYPERTENSION

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5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to an agent for preventing, improving or treating hypertension, which permits inhibiting the rise of blood pressure and moreover
10 improving hypertension and is useful as food and drink, and food such as food for specific health in addition to a drug for preventing, improving or treating hypertension.

Description of the Background Art:

Cardiac diseases such as angina pectoris, myocardial
15 infarction and heart failure, and cerebrovascular diseases such as cerebral infarction, cerebral hemorrhage and subarachnoid hemorrhage very closely relate to hypertension and stand second and third, respectively, in the Japanese causes of death. According to the basis
20 research (the 1998 year) of the national life by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the number of patients going to hospital regularly with hypertension is sixty-four per thousand in Japan and stands first in the cause of decease. As a countermeasure against the hypertension,
25 may be mentioned the use of antihypertensive drugs such as diuretics, sympatholytic depressants, vasodilators and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors. These drugs are